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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE VISAED FOR CANADA

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE SENT TO DEPT. BY

CANADIAN EMBASSY APRIL 24:

QUOTE: THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON WAS EVACUATED

APRIL 24, 1975: OUR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, BEING DULY

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ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, CONTINUES TO

HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY BUT NO CANADIAN OFFICIALS REMAIN IN SAIGON.

IN RECENT WEEKS, OUR EMBASSY IN SAIGON HAS SENT LETTERS TO 1,908 INDIVIDUALS OR HEADS OF FAMILIES WHOSE RELATIVES IN CANADA HAVE APPLIED FOR THEIR IMMIGRATION TO CANADA. THESE PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THESE QUOTE VISA LETTERS UNQUOTE CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY FOR THEIR ADMISSION TO CANADA, NECESSARY EXIT PERMISSION FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE TO WHOM QUOTE VISA LETTERS UNQUOTE WERE SENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN SAIGON AND HAS OR WILL BE GIVEN TO THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG. THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK WILL ALSO RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO ADVISE THE U.S. AUTHORITIES THAT ANY VIETNAMESE CITIZEN WHO MAY APPROACH THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON SEEKING EVACUATION WHO HAS AN AUTHENTIC CANADIAN QUOTE VISA LETTER UNQUOTE CAN BE PRESUMED ADMISSABLE TO CANADA. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUBJECT TO AMERICAN PRIORITIES AND THE PHYSICAL POSSIBILITIES, THESE PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN WHATEVER EVACUATION IS UNDERTAKEN BY THE U.S. SHOULD SPACE BE AVAILABLE. END QUOTE.

2. VINE QUERIED MC KINNEY, CANADIAN EMBASSY, WHO GOT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM OTTAWA THAT GOVT. OF CANADA WILL REIMBURSE U.S. FOR EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND STAGING AREA RELIEF OF VIETNAMEEE DESTINED FOR CANADA. KISSINGER

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